GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3413
ANSWERED ON:07.09.2007
BENCH OF GUJARAT HIGH COURT AT SURAT AND RAJKOT
Rana Shri Kashi Ram

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested to set up a bench of High Court at Surat and Rajkot in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a), (b) & (e): The then Chief Minister of Gujarat had in September, 2000 conveyed that the State Government felt that Circuit Benches of the Gujarat High Court be established at Surat and Rajkot. The matter was examined in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court who informed that it would not be in the interest of the Institution to have a Circuit Bench either at Surat or at Rajkot. The Chief Minister of Gujarat was informed accordingly in May, 2001. Thereafter, no proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat, in consultation with the Chief Justice for the establishment of Benches of the Gujarat High Court either at Surat or at Rajkot.